

REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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The house accommodation is ample and the working classes with one or two exceptions are admirably housed. There is no overcrowding in the district whatever. There is plenty of open space round about the houses and their surroundings are for the most part kept clean. Before the Council was formed supervision over the erection of new houses has been rather scanty.

The Sewerage and Drainage of the outlying parts of the district is mainly conducted by means of cesspools. In Scalby itself the drainage is maintained by sewers which discharge their contents into the Scalby Beck. Most of the new houses possess Water Closets which are not in all cases placed in the best position. When the new drainage schemes has been carried out all the sewers of Scalby will ^{be} carried directly into the sea and the house drains for slop water and other sewage will be connected with the main sewers.

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and is generally used as manure on the farms in the district.

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The slaughter houses are in private hands and are excellently kept.

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The Workshops of the district all comply with the Act.

During the time covered by the report the following nuisances have been abated, two pigsties at Throxenby reported on and abated, one nuisance reported has not been abated.

The total births for the period are 23, giving a rate of 16.8 per 1000. The total deaths for the time covered are 9, giving a death rate of 6.8 per 1000, only 1 death occurred of a child under 1 year, one between 1 and 5 years, 5 between 25 & 65 years and 2 above 65 years. Three of the deaths occurred at the Barracks, Throxenby.

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